

## Aug 21, 2024 | 📅 Water Commission Board Meeting

All present, except for Ted Kriss, who is excused and Kevin Low. In addition Joe, Warren, & Michal Mainer from A&E.

Meeting started at 6:33 PM.

### Notes

- Additions to the Agenda
- Previous Meeting Minutes
  - July Minutes
    - Court made a motion to approve, Ken seconded. No discussion. All were in favor.
- Questions from Members
- Operators Report
  - Joe spoke on the report:
    - Quote from FMK came in regarding the new heater to replace the furnace that is there now. The tech said that the unit that is there now shouldn't be there and suggested a Modine shop furnace. A quote was given for roughly \$7,200. Ken asked when our current furnace was installed, Joe said about 2014, though it's corroded and having issues despite its seeming young age. The recommendation is to not use the current heater. Some discussion ensued.
      - Court asked if this is an expense that can come out of the Capitol Reserve fund, Michael said yes, it would be a good candidate from that fund.
      - Michael asked Joe to attempt to get a second quote for a new heater and a decision to be made at the September meeting. We do have a small heater which can provide a temporary work around based on the lead time for a new heater.
- Engineers Report
  - Michael Mainer from A&E spoke on the report:
    - Lead Service Line Survey:
      - Discussed the replacement plan for connections. This includes items referred to as "unknowns", which A&E provided some context on. Michael Inners asked some clarifying questions, which A&E provided answers to.
      - Janine mentioned "From what I found, it is just people didn't see our requests or just didn't bother to deal with it. I think they should be able to be figured out." regarding outstanding responses. Court said that another possibility could be coordinating meter replacements with outreach. Joe said that we have a lot that still

needs to be replaced (125 out of 723 that have been replaced).  
Some discussion ensued.

- Pipeline Replacement Project
  - Michael Mainer spoke on the funding and our current status. He said that they can come back with options related to USDA in the September meeting. Michael Inners asked some clarifying questions regarding this and some discussion ensued.
  - Environmental Report: Wetlands Study is going on, anticipated to be ready around September.
  - A&E noted that Harry Parker is waiting to get an engagement agreement signed by the board. Michael Inners noted that we have not received anything and asked A&E to have him send us the engagement agreement directly.
- Funding Application for Engineering Work
  - The State has been taking considerable time to process this. A&E said they can ask the state to expedite, based on our preference. Michael noted that this is not time critical, however, we don't want to wait too long. A&E said, based on this, he'll follow up with the state.
- Treasurer's Report
  - Michael Inners spoke on the report:
    - This was emailed out the Friday before the August Monthly meeting. Michael noted that they're going to keep this cadence for future meetings.
    - Michael commented that there are some anticipated expenses for the remainder of the year, but we've built in a \$10k buffer in our unanticipated expenses line item.
    - The eclectic company is likely to switch us over to a "Demand Billing" plan. Michael said the impact to this is nominal.
- Old Business
  - Active Projects
    - Both covered in Engineer's report
  - Tech Committee
    - general update: Kevin was not at the meeting but Janine gave an update from him:
      - Kevin has been pushing Tech Group to get us info on schedule and he finally got an email back today that simply said, "Equipment has been ordered and should have an eta date soon..."
    - Website:
      - Tim sent an email to Alpine Media on 8/21, during the meeting, to re-engage on that project. Tim to include Joe Danis and Joe to continue working with Alpine on next steps. Some discussion ensued.
      - Tim demoed the Archives section

- New Business

Ken made a motion to end the meeting, Court seconded, all were in favor. The meeting ended at 7:24 PM

Action items

